

month. On-site after-school tutoring is available and shuttle bus service takes the students directly from three schools to the Chino Experience Teen Center after school for alternative programs. The requested funds will support teen programs with a special emphasis on teens living within the low-income and moderate-income areas of the community.

Requesting Member: Congressman GARY G. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Office of Justice Programs, Byrne Discretionary Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Rio Hondo Community College

Address of Requesting Entity: 11400 Greenstone Avenue, Santa Fe Springs, California 90670

Funding Secured: \$300,000

Description of Request: Rio Hondo College operates its Public Safety Center with Police and Fire Academies to train cadets and Federal, State, and local first responders from over 115 agencies. The Public Safety Center was recently recognized by the Department of Homeland Security as a "Regional Homeland Security Training Center." In tandem with this recognition, Rio Hondo College recently pledged \$520,000 toward the acquisition of additional land adjacent to the Fire Academy to train Federal, State, and local first responders in tactics to best manage the possibility of a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, or Explosive event (CBRNE) in Southern California. Los Angeles County has pledged \$150,000 toward the Center, and the City of Santa Fe Springs is prepared to contribute up to \$300,000 toward the Center. Training is already under way at the expanded Center. In order to meet the rising demands for training from L.A. County first responders and Rio Hondo students at the Center in order to prepare for natural and Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, or Explosive (CBRNE) disasters, the training center needs the appropriate equipment to train for underground and tunnel scenarios, lighting to train 24/7 and to simulate nighttime operations, and a classroom trailer now that the center is designated as a Department of Homeland Security approved training center.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 16, 2009*

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, on Monday, June 15, 2009, I was not present for 4 recorded votes. Please let the RECORD show that had I been present, I would have voted the following way: Roll No. 336—"yea," Roll No. 337—"yea," Roll No. 338—"yea," Roll No. 339—"yea."

#### CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS

SPEECH OF

##### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 15, 2009*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, as a member of Congress I am proud to participate in

the celebration of Caribbean American Heritage Month. It has been a long and slow road to the recognition of the contributions of Caribbean Americans since the establishment of the Caribbean American Heritage Awards in 1994. This declaration is well overdue since the establishment of the Caribbean American Heritage Awards 15 years ago and I am honored to be here to recognize the influential contributions of Caribbean Americans to American society. I would also like to commend my colleague Congresswoman LEE for her commitment to the recognition of the achievements of Caribbean Americans through her sponsorship and reintroduction of legislation to celebrate June as Caribbean American Heritage Month. Because of Congresswoman LEE's hard work President Bush issued a Proclamation on June 5, 2006 declaring June as Caribbean American Heritage Month. For over 100 years Caribbean Americans have enhanced American culture and diversity. Influential Caribbean Americans include Harry Belafonte, Shirley Chisholm, Sydney Poitier, Alexander Hamilton, and Malcolm X just to name a few. The influence and impact of Caribbean Americans extends far beyond this unexhausted list of notable Caribbean Americans. They have been leaders in public service, sports, entertainment, the arts, and many other fields. More importantly, Caribbean Americans are everyday men, women and children who aim to positively impact communities across America. Over five million Americans proudly share their Caribbean heritage. The Caribbean region remains an important regional partner due to its close proximity to the United States—evident in its collaborative work and strong economic, diplomatic, and strategic ties with the United States. During Caribbean American Heritage Month, we celebrate the contributions of Caribbean Americans to our country, and the common bonds and culture shared by the United States and Caribbean countries. America has thrived as a cultural melting pot, due in part to the spirit, morals, and skills of Caribbean Americans. I can not think of a better way to recognize and commemorate Caribbean Americans and the Caribbean region for their contributions to the United States than the celebration of Caribbean American Heritage Month. I, along with my colleagues, am honored to be a part of this celebration. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

#### HONORING WWII WOMEN AVIATORS

##### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 16, 2009*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Lorraine Zilner Rodgers and her remarkable service to our country during World War II. Ms. Rodgers dreamed of becoming a pilot at a time when the field of aviation was dominated by men. Undeterred, she overcame gender barriers to pursue her goal. After graduating from the University of Illinois, she worked building military aircraft, using her salary and limited spare time to learn to fly. She eventually attained a private pilots' license.

While pursuing her dream to fly, she learned of the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP)

program and became inspired to join the war effort. More than 25,000 women applied and after completing a rigorous training program, Ms. Rodgers was among the 1,074 women who earned their wings. In the 17 months that the WASP's were operational, she and her fellow pilots flew more than 60 million miles.

Among her many duties Ms. Rodgers tested and ferried planes making necessary repairs to military aircraft. She displayed tremendous courage and bravery as her duties were strenuous, exhausting and at times even life threatening. Thirty-eight women lost their lives while serving and Ms. Rodgers was nearly one of them. While she was completing a routine testing flight in Waco, Texas, the plane she was flying abruptly went into an inverted spin. She made every attempt to right the aircraft to prevent destroying the plane, but as she neared the ground she was forced to abandon the aircraft. She was barely able to deploy her parachute before hitting the ground as she had delayed ejecting in an effort to save the plane. After recovering from her injuries, she was informed that her plane's rudder had been cut in an act of sabotage. Although such acts were rare, they were examples of the hardships women pilots had to overcome as they faced antagonism from male pilots who adamantly believed that women did not belong in the aviation field.

On Dec. 20, 1944, the same day Ms. Rodgers risked her life, Congress voted to disband the WASP program determining that it was no longer necessary as male pilots were becoming available to fill the jobs the women were performing. Despite the end of the program, Ms. Rodgers did not abandon her passion. She went on to work at the Glenview Naval Air Station and flew as much as possible.

In the 1970s she became deeply involved in a campaign to gain veteran status for WASPs. Despite resistance based on gender prejudices, they finally succeeded in 1977.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Lorraine Zilner Rodgers and other pilots from the WASP program who remain an inspiration for young women and men alike. She is not only a hero but a symbol of what can be achieved when goals are pursued and barriers overcome. She continues the legacy set down by generations of ambitious women by honoring her talent and maintaining a steadfast commitment to her dreams.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

##### HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 16, 2009*

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2847, the Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBERT E. LATTA.

Bill Number: H.R. 2847, Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Account: Commerce; NOAA—Operations, Research and Facilities.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Bowling Green State University.

Address of Requesting Entity: 106 University Hall, Bowling Green, OH 43403.

Description of Request: \$500,000 for monitoring of Lake Erie water quality with remote sensing for Bowling Green State University and Heidelberg College, in partnership with the consortium partners of OhioView and the Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory (GLERL). The funding will be used to continue the project of monitoring algal blooms in Lake Erie with LANDSAT TM satellite data. This will allow for real-time, continuous monitoring and assessment of harmful algal blooms and coliform in Lake Erie and its Southern-shore tributaries. This research is authorized by the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Act of 2003. The funds will be used to develop the systems for determining cyanobacteria in Lake Erie and in local water supplies and to continue to collect data for analyzing and further study. This project began in 2006 and provides continuous monitoring from the satellite data of the potentially harmful algal blooms. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBERT E. LATTA.

Bill Number: H.R. 2847, Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Account: Justice; OJP—Juvenile Justice.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Starr Commonwealth—Van Wert.

Address of Requesting Entity: 15145 Lincoln Highway, Van Wert, Ohio 45891.

Description of Request: \$500,000 for expansion of the Adolescent Delinquency Program (ADP) in Van Wert in order to address specific needs of troubled and at-risk youth. Services include educational/GED programs, life skills, job placement assistance, housing assistance, case management and mentoring. At risk, identified male delinquent youth between the ages of twelve and eighteen are eligible for placement into the Adolescent Delinquent Program. This expansion will assist with the program so it can serve more Ohioans and help them become productive citizens. Starr takes at-risk youth from being costly tax recipients and dependent on the social welfare to future taxpayers and productive, independent members of society. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 16, 2009*

Mr. ROSKAM. Madam Speaker, pursuant to Republican standards on disclosure for Member project requests, I am submitting the following information regarding projects I support for inclusion in H.R. 2487, the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Congressman PETER J. ROSKAM: H.R. 2487, Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Grant Programs account for the Hanover Park Police Department Rapid Response to School Violence Program. The entity to receive the \$48,000 in funding for this project is the Hanover Park Police Department, 2121 W. Lake Street, Hanover Park, IL 60133. It is my understanding that the funding would be used for

the Department to enhance its response to school violence capabilities through purchase of equipment, training, and realistic exercises. This funding is desperately needed to equip the Hanover Park Police Department to better be able to respond to threats of school violence, particularly in light of the recent and sudden increase in teen and gang shootings. The Hanover Park Police Department plans to enhance its response to school violence capabilities through purchase of equipment, training, and realistic exercises. This training would be used for all sworn department members in a series of simulated situations of police response to active shooters in schools. Included in the request is funding for purchase of training weapons, and tactical equipment, and armored security gear for use in both drills and actual incident response. The Hanover Park Police Department has demonstrated a willingness to be a regional resource, and has positioned itself to provide mutual aid to surrounding municipalities and even other states. The Department's School Familiarization Program was featured in a June 2008 Law and Order article, and has served as a model for other departments across the country.

Congressman PETER J. ROSKAM: H.R. 2487, Department of Justice, COPS Law Enforcement Technology Program account for the Northern Illinois Police Alarm System Atmospheric Detection Equipment. The entity to receive the \$675,000 in funding for this project is the Glencoe Department of Public Safety, 675 Village Court, Glencoe, IL 60022. It is my understanding that the funding from this joint request with Congresswoman BEAN would be used to acquire atmospheric Detection Equipment for the NIPAS regional mutual aid response trained officers. The Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS) Emergency Services Team (EST) is a mutual aid organization that is responsible for law enforcement coverage of 68 member towns with a total population of approximately 1.8 million residents. In Illinois' 6th Congressional District, the acquisition of this equipment will directly benefit the municipalities of Bartlett, Elk Grove Village, Elmhurst, Hanover Park, Mount Prospect, Roselle, Streamwood, and Villa Park. This funding will be used to acquire atmospheric Detection Equipment for the NIPAS EST mutual aid response trained officers. Member Police Departments and the NIPAS EST have identified a lacking atmospheric detection capability. Atmospheric detection equipment is needed to allow NIPAS law enforcement officers the ability to respond to crimes or other incidents involving hazardous environments, explosive devices, arson materials, and narcotics. NIPAS will administer this program which will provide coverage for 68 member communities in the counties of Lake, Cook, DuPage, McHenry and Will Counties. Ensuring that NIPAS officers have the Atmospheric detection technology they need will: protect police officers who are the first to respond to Hazmat related accidents/crime scenes and methamphetamine related crime scenes; decrease the response time of officers to hazmat accidents/crime scenes; increase public safety, and provide valuable atmospheric samples that can later be used for criminal prosecutions. This shared resource will leverage taxpayer dollars toward a more efficient procurement of this atmospheric detection equipment.

Congressman PETER J. ROSKAM: H.R. 2487, Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Edward Byrne Memorial State and

Local Law Enforcement Assistance Grant Programs account for the Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital Domestic Violence Program. The entity to receive the \$75,000 in funding for this project is Advocate Health Care, 2025 Windsor Drive, Oakbrook, IL 60523. It is my understanding that the funding would be used to strengthen and expand the Hospital's domestic violence program through greater outreach and enhanced collaboration with more area police departments. With the growing numbers of reported domestic violence in DuPage County and throughout Illinois' 6th Congressional district, Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital (AGSH) seeks to further strengthen and expand its domestic violence program to ensure that current and expected needs are met. In addition, with this funding AGSH will be able to expand its collaborative efforts with local police departments to include Lombard and Wheaton, complementing its current interaction with Downers Grove. Additionally, AGSH will enhance training both internally and for local agencies that serve as strategic points of entry: emergency departments, local police departments, and faith-based organizations. The federal government has recognized the serious public health threat that domestic violence poses to society through its Healthy People 2010 objectives, and the federal government has sought and is seeking a reduction in the rate of physical assault by current or former intimate partners. AGSH seeks to help achieve this important federal objective. This project meets the objectives of the Bureau of Justice Assistance by encouraging the development and implementation of strategies to reduce and prevent crime and violence, drawing in community participation, and providing technical assistance.

#### RALPH REGULA FEDERAL BUILDING AND UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE

SPEECH OF

#### HON. BETTY SUTTON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 9, 2009*

Ms. SUTTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 1687 . . . to commemorate the career and service of our friend and colleague, Congressman Ralph Regula, by designating the Federal Building and U.S. courthouse in Canton, Ohio, as the "Ralph Regula Federal Building and United States Courthouse."

For 38 years, Congressman Ralph Regula was a dedicated public servant and champion for Ohio.

While I served only one term with Congressman Regula, I worked with him long enough to recognize his strong and dedicated service to our country, as well as his great love for Ohio.

Congressman Regula is the consummate public servant. His career of service began long before the 38 years that he dedicated to this House.

After graduating from high school, he served in the Navy during World War II.

Congressman Regula continued his public service as a member of the Ohio State Board of Education. He went on to serve in the Ohio House and the Ohio Senate. When he arrived